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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY MEAT RESTRAINT PROGRAM

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM IRISH EMBASSY SUBSTANCE OF WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "MY GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE IRISH MEAT EXPORTERS' SOCIETY LTD. AS THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF ALL THE IRISH EXPORTERS OF SUCH MEAT TO THE UNITED STATES AND ALSO THE ASSURANCE WHICH THE SOCIETY HAS GIVEN TO LIMIT EXPORTS THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND IS CONFIDENT THAT THE ASSURANCE GIVEN WILL BE OBSERVED."

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL (KATZ) TOLD GERALD CULLEN, IRISH AGRICULTURAL COUNSELLOR, AUGUST 11 THAT WE INTEND TO REPLY THAT SUCH A PRIVATE UNDERTAKING IS NOT RESPONSIVE TO SECTION 204 OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT. WE STILL HOPE
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GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND WILL PROVIDE ON ITS OWN BEHALF A

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CONFIRMATORY REPLY TO OUR NOTE OF MAY 14. IN ADDITION TO LEGAL PROBLEM, ACCEPTANCE OF THE IRISH FORMULATION MIGHT ENCOURAGE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM TO OPT FOR PRIVATE, RATHER THAN OFFICIAL, EXCHANGES.

3. AT THE SAME MEETING WE EXPRESSED DOUBT WHETHER IRISH WILL OR SHOULD MEET 1975 VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT LEVEL OF 38.2 MILLION POUNDS, SINCE THEY HAVE SHIPPED ONLY 1.1 MILLION POUNDS SO FAR THIS YEAR. CULLEN REPLIED IRELAND CERTAINLY COULD MEET ITS QUOTA, BUT HESITATED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THEY WERE LIKELY TO. HE DID OBSERVE THAT SLAUGHTER GENERALLY TAKES PLACE AT THE END OF THE SEASON, AND THE IRISH DID NOT WANT TO NEGLECT AMERICAN MARKET. HE PROMISED TO CONSULT DUBLIN AND PROVIDE A CURRENT ESTIMATE ON EXPECTED SHIPMENT SOONEST. FULL MEMCON BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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